



Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators

Advancing Excellence in the Assessment Process

26th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Embracing Change, Driving Success



**"Success is the sum of small efforts - repeated day
in and day out."**

Robert Collier

**June 13th and 14th, 2024
Penn Stater Hotel and
Conference Center Hotel
State College, PA**

SCHEDULE	Thursday JUNE 13th Every effort is made to start each session on time.		
8:30 am - 9:30 am	SEMINAR REGISTRATION 8:30 am - 9:30 am		
9:30 am - 10:45 am	General Session: A LOOK BACK - SINCE OCTOBER 1 2023 Joel Van Eaton, BSN, RN, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, MT, MTA		
10:45 am - 11:00 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK BUSINESS MEETING BOARD INSTALLATION		
	BASIC TRACK		ADVANCED TRACK
11:00 am - 12:30pm	TRIPLE CHECK Rick Snyder	11:00 am - 12:30pm	CMS MANDATED FIVE RECORD REVIEW: BEST PRACTICES FOR SUCCESS Stephanie Kessler, RAC-CT CHP Tracy Montag, RN, BSN, RAC-CTA, RAC-MT
12:30pm - 1:30pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK Business Meeting and Buffet Lunch in Vendor Exhibit Area		
	BASIC TRACK		ADVANCED TRACK
1:30pm - 2:45 pm	STRATEGIC TIMING: THE ART OF ASSESSMENT REFERENCE DATE SELECTION Stephanie Kessler, RAC-CT CHP Tracy Montag, RN, BSN, RAC-CTA, RAC-MT	1:30 pm - 2:45pm	SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH Joel Van Eaton, BSN, RN, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, MT, MTA
2:45 pm - 3:00pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
3:00 pm - 4:15pm	General Session QUALITY MEASURES Teresa Toth, RN, RAC-CT, DNS-CT, RAC-CTA		
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm	<u>PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION with Vendors</u> <u>Door Prize Give-Aways</u>		

SCHEDULE	Friday JUNE 14th Every effort is made to start each session on time.		
8:00 am - 8:30 am	SEMINAR REGISTRATION		
	BASIC TRACK		ADVANCED TRACK
8:30 am - 10:00 am	QUALITY MEASURES Kris Pattison, RN, RAC-CT	8:30 am - 10:00 am	QUALITY MEASURES: FIVE-STAR, QRP, VBP, CLAIMS BASED Candace McMullen and Tammy Coleman
10:00 am - 10:30 am	REFRESHMENT BREAK IN VENDOR EXHIBIT AREA		
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH Karlyn Matija, MA Krissy Kehoe, RN	10:30 am - 12:00 pm	MDS ACCURACY: IMPACT ON SURVEY, LEGAL RISKS Candace McMullen, RN, NHA, MHA, CLNC. CNDLTC Tammy Coleman, RN, CNDLTC, RAC-CTA
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK Buffet Lunch in Vendor Exhibit Area		
1:00 pm - 2:15pm	STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS: MDS SECTION GG CODING GUIDELINES Tracy Montag, RN, BSN, RAC-CTA, RAC-MT Dawn Leis, RAC-CTA, WTA, IP	1:00 pm - 2:15pm	THE ROLE OF SECTION GG IN QUALITY MEASURES Kris Pattison, RN, RAC-CT
2:15 pm - 2:30 pm	REFRESHMENT BREAK		
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	General Session: PREPARATION FOR CHANGES TO PA CASE MIX Brian Stever, RN, BSN, RAC-CT		
	<u>SAFE TRAVELS!!</u>		

SESSION CONTENT

JUNE 13, 2024

General Session: A Look-Back since 10/1/2023

On October 1, 2023, CMS implemented major changes to the MDS 3.0, the first significant changes since October 1, 2010. This session will provide an overview of those changes, the impact of those changes as well as the impact to Pennsylvania Case Mix as a result.

Basic: Triple Check

Triple check has been a best practice in long term care billing for many years. This session will provide the reason for this best practice, the basics of the triple check process and follow through will billing.

Advanced: CMS Mandated Five Record Review: Best Practices for Success

In May 2023, CMS released Transmittal 12015, mandating that all Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) complete a SNF Medicare A 5 claim probe for every SNF in their jurisdiction. Probes were to begin on June 5th, 2023. This session will provide insight into why CMS has mandated, how to ensure your records “pass” and what next steps are if there is further probe.

Basic: Strategic Timing: The Art MDS Assessment Reference Date Selection

Selection of an appropriate assessment reference date (ARD) can have a big impact on reimbursement for the resident’s SNF stay as well as impact CMI for the long term care population. This session will cover best practice to ensure you have selected the appropriate assessment reference date that provides the best picture of the resident, the care and services the facility is providing and the resulting reimbursement to the facility.

Advanced: Social Determinants of Health

Social Determinants of Health was a new grouping of MDS questions implemented by CMS with the MDS 3.0 changes on October 1st, 2023. CMS selected the new Standard Patient Assessment Data Elements in order to monitor outcomes across various Post-Acute Care settings. In this session participants will learn of the importance of the data elements and impact to resident centered care, ways to address resident responses to the data elements and be able to understand the impact of those responses on survey outcomes, Quality Measures and publicly reporting information on Care Compare.

General Session: Quality Measures

During this session the participants will be taken through a high-level overview of the various MDS based Quality Measures, while touching upon claims based and required reporting measures that impact 5 Star, QRP, VBP and Survey. This session is a precursor to Quality Measure presentation on day two. Participants will have a choice of attending a basic track or advanced track that will discuss best practice and management strategies for success. Upcoming draft MDS changes for 10/1/24 will be reviewed.

SESSION CONTENT

June 14, 2024

Basic: Quality Measures

Quality Measures have far reaching implications for nursing homes. Assessment Coordinators must have an in depth knowledge of each Quality Measure. During this session participants will learn the basis definitions of each quality measure and MDS questions and coding that trigger measures.

Advanced: Quality Measures—Five Star, QRP, VBP, Claims Based

Quality Measures have far reaching implications for nursing homes. These measures are publicly reported on Care Compare as part of the CMS Five Star Rating, and are part of the CMS Quality Reporting Program and Value-Based Purchasing Program. During this session participants will learn how and which quality measures are utilized by the various CMS reporting programs and how to review the reports provided by CMS to ensure accuracy of your Quality Measure Data.

Basic: Social Determinants of Health

During this session participants will learn each data element of the MDS 3.0 that is defined as a social determinant of health. Participants will also learn the requirements of when each data element should be asked and on what type of MDS.

Advanced: MDS Accuracy—Impact on Survey, Legal Risks

MDS accuracy is paramount to ensuring development of an appropriate resident-centered care plan. However, accuracy can have a far reaching impact not only to the resident plan of care but inaccuracy can impact survey outcomes and also pose legal risks for the facility. This session will provide a in-depth review of potential implications of inaccurate MDS data.

Basic : Strategies for Success: MDS Section GG Coding Guidelines

Section GG: Functional Abilities and Goals has replaced Section G: Activities of Daily Living on the MDS items sets as well as in the Quality Measures. This session will provide a review of functional abilities definitions as well as appropriate coding guidelines.

Advanced: The role of GG in Quality Measures

Section GG replaced Section G in Quality Measures that report changes in residents participation in their own care. While the reporting of some Quality Measures are currently “frozen” as CMS works to gather new data, understanding the role GG will have in Quality Measures will be key when these measures are reported. In this session participants will learn what GG items could trigger Quality Measures, coding changes within GG items that will impact the Quality measures as well as best practices for managing those QMs.

General Session: Preparing for Changes to PA Case Mix

While Pennsylvania has not finalized the legislation for a transition from RUG based Case Mix to a PDPM model for case mix, this session will provide an overview of the proposed legislation and how facilities can begin to prepare now for the changes expected October 1, 2025.

SPEAKERS

Joel VanEaton BSN, RN, RAC-CT, RAC-CTA, MT, MTA

Joel VanEaton is Broad River Rehab's Executive Vice President of PAC Regulatory Affairs and Education. Joel began his career in LTC more 20 years ago as an MDS coordinator and worked for many years as the Director of Clinical Reimbursement and RAI for a group of nursing facilities in the southeast. Joel writes a monthly column for McKnight's LTC News and contributes regularly to Skilled Nursing News. He has contributed to the AAPACN Leader for the NAC and ASHA Voices podcast. He currently serves on the AAPACN Expert Advisory Panel and as a board member on the AAPACN Education Foundation. Joel is one of 11 certified Advanced Master Teachers through AAPACN and presents regularly on all subjects related to state and federal regulation, the MDS, clinical reimbursement.

Stephanie Kessler, RAC-CT, CHP

Stephanie is a Partner in RKL's Senior Living Services Consulting Group. She draws on her more than three decades of experience as a nurse, healthcare education and consultant to help providers navigate the complexities of an ever-changing, increasingly challenging healthcare environment.

Tracy Montag BSN, RN, RAC-CTA, RAC-MT

Tracy is a Manager and consultant with RKL, participated as the co-leader for the State of Pennsylvania in the MDS 3.0 Pilot Project. Having worked as an independent contractor with CMS, she participated in educational videos titled: MDS 3.0 and the Interdisciplinary Team, and the MDS 3.0 and Facility Leadership. Ms. Montag is a Master Teacher for the American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing RAC-CT course.

Candace McMullen – Executive Vice President of Consulting and Business Development

Candace oversees business development and consulting services for Affinity Health Services. She has experience in operations, consulting, clinical and regulatory management of continuing care retirement communities (CCRC), skilled nursing facilities, personal care homes, assisted living, independent living, and home care services.

Prior to rejoining Affinity in 2021, she spent thirteen years as the Chief Operating Officer/Vice President of Operations of multi-site organizations overseeing senior living communities in both Pennsylvania and Maryland. Her experience also includes serving as an operations consultant with a mid-Atlantic accounting and consulting firm as well as a Project Manager with Quality Insights of Pennsylvania. She has experience as both a provider and consultant working in all business sectors. Candace had previously served as Affinity's VP of Operations from 2008-2014 and was a Nursing Consultant from 2004-2007.

Candace is a Registered Nurse and Nursing Home Administrator licensed in both PA and MD. She earned both her Bachelor of Science, Degree in Nursing and her Master of Health Administration from The Pennsylvania State University. She holds certifications as a Certified Legal Nurse Consultant and Certified Nursing Director Long Term Care. She currently serves as CEO/President and Board Chair of the Pennsylvania Directors of Nursing Association (PADONA) and on the Board of Trustees for the Nightingale Awards of Pennsylvania.

Karlyn Matija, MA

Karlyn has 17 years working in LTC. Experience working in nursing homes. She began working in a 408 bed facility in social service, and assisted with the change over from MDS 2.0 to 3.0. in the Social Service department. Karlyn later transitioned to Social Service in a CCRC, with high volume of admissions and discharges.

She worked for 5 years as a Regional Consultant overseeing SS in 12 nursing homes, with focusing on regulatory compliance and all aspects of Social Services.

Currently, she is the Regional Director of SS for Clinical Consulting services. Her role has been focused on providing education around accurately completing the MDS. Additionally Karlyn has worked to ensure best practices in Social Service are implemented, the departments are in compliance with regulatory expectations and, most importantly, meeting the needs of the residents and facility.

Kristina Kehoe, RN, BSN, RAC-CT

Kristina Kehoe is a Regional RAI Specialist for Clinical Consulting Services, Inc. Kristina has more than 30 years of experience in long term care. She has held many roles in her career which include nurse aide, charge nurse, Unit Manager, Staff Development/Infection Control, ADON and MDS Coordinator. Her consulting career has taken her to other states as well broadening her knowledge base in her field. Kristina graduated from Penn State University School of Nursing. She is AAPACN certified RNAC (RAC-CT) and a PANAC board member.

SPEAKERS

Kris Pattison, RN, RAC-CT

Kris has more than 25 years of experience in the long-term care industry. He has worked as a certified nursing assistant (CNA), charge nurse, nursing supervisor, clinical support nurse and as a minimum data set (MDS) coordinator, giving him a broad scope of insight into the internal functioning of the nursing department in a skilled nursing facility. His experience includes MDS management and department operations, Medicare PPS compliance, Medicaid case mix index optimization for multiple states, value-based purchasing, SNF quality reporting program, ICD-10 diagnostic coding and quality measure management and optimization for CMS five star and state specific quality incentive programs.

Kris provides MDS related trainings and education for registered nurse assessment coordinators (RNACs) and other members of the interdisciplinary team, in addition to education and trainings focused on documentation compliance, care planning, Medicare and various state Medicaid reimbursement systems, and other topics. His knowledge of state and federal regulations has enabled him to provide support throughout the survey process, and Kris has worked extensively in the development of best practices in managing the patient driven payment model (PDPM).

Teresa Toth, RN, RAC-CT, DNS-CT, RAC-CTA—Clinical Consultant

Teresa Toth is a highly accomplished professional with over 25 years of dedicated service in the long-term care industry. Teresa has emerged as a respected leader with a profound commitment to clinical reimbursement and compliance.

Throughout her career, Teresa has navigated the complexities of diverse healthcare settings, including county, non-profit, and profit-based skilled nursing facilities (SNFs). Her extensive expertise in Medicaid Case Mix is evident, as she possesses in-depth knowledge of strategic approaches for RUG III, RUG IV, and PDPM Nursing case mix, encompassing various methodologies such as point-in-time and time-weighted capture.

Teresa's proficiency extends to managing Medical Record Review Requests, appeals, and denials, reflecting her dedication to ensuring optimal reimbursement and compliance. Her hands-on experience in conducting clinical Mock Surveys and implementing corrective action plans underscores her commitment to maintaining the highest standards of care within long-term care facilities.

As a certified Resident Assessment Coordinator and advanced certification holder through AAPACN (American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing), Teresa's qualifications are a testament to her commitment to excellence. She is also certified as an AAPACN Director of Nursing Services and is an active member of the organization, contributing to the advancement of nursing practices in post-acute care settings.

Teresa is an esteemed member of the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators (PANAC), where she has actively participated since 1999 and served as a past President of the Board. Currently she is acting Treasurer of the association. Her involvement in professional organizations underscores her dedication to staying at the forefront of industry developments and advocating for best practices.

Tammy Coleman, RN, CNDLTC, RAC-CTA – Vice President of Clinical and Reimbursement Services

Tammy began her career in long-term care in 1998 she has worked in multiple roles in long term care including Nursing Supervisor, Assistant Director of Nursing, and Director of Nursing. By blending her clinical experience and managerial roles, Tammy has become an expert in nursing department operations, budgets, staffing, and human resources. In addition, Tammy has experience with development and implementation of quality assurance initiatives focused on improving residents' quality of care and life in a long-term care environment.

Tammy has an advanced certification in resident Assessment (RAC-CTA), is a long-term care certified director of Nursing (CNDLTC), is QAPI certified, Interact Certified, and has earned certification in Training in Infection Prevention in the Long-Term Care Setting from the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC). She is a member of PADONA and of Leading Age PA and serves on the advisory committee for the Pennsylvania College of Technology nursing department. Tammy is also a member of the American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing (AAPACN).

SPEAKERS

Richard (Rick)Snyder

Richard (Rick) Snyder is a Billing and Reimbursement Consultant with Baker Tilly's Health Care Services Team. He has over 25 years of post-acute health care billing, reimbursement, and operational experience.

Rick's background as a post-acute health care billing and reimbursement specialist includes Skilled Nursing Facility billing (Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, VA, and Private pay), Personal Care Home billing, Home Health billing (Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Advantage, and VA), Hospice billing (Medicare and other insurance), and Home Care billing (Private, Medicaid Waiver, VA, and County related services). Rick also has experience preparing monthly accounts receivable reports. Also, he prepared and submitted the nursing home bed assessment, maintained the annual Medicare bad debt log, provided information for facilities Medicare and Medicaid cost reports, verified insurance coverage, facilitated and maintained comprehensive contracts for third-party insurance companies, provided follow-up on accounts receivable aged accounts, submitted annual Rent Rebates for eligible residents, and maintained working relationships with local County Assistance Offices.

Rick also provided administrative functions at a Skilled Nursing Facility. He submitted the Payroll Based Journal, participated in the central safety committee, quality, Triple check claims review, corporate compliance, ethics and risk management meetings, attended meetings with the contracted service providers (Therapy, Pharmacy, and Dining services) and sent in third-party audit requests and followed-up on responses as needed. Rick has also participated in Medicare's Target Probe and Education programs for both skilled nursing facilities and home health agencies. He has been through many Utilization Management Reviews for Medical Assistance billing at skilled nursing facilities.

With Baker Tilly, Rick and his team offer billing services (outsourced or temporary and assistance with accounts receivable consulting and clean-up), business office services (best practices of monthly accounts receivable processes, Medical Assistance application assistance process best practices, compliance assistance with triple check, claim reviews, and much more), and other specific options to meet our client's needs.

Rick is a graduate of Clarion University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education with a concentration in Mathematics.

Brian D. Stever, BSN, RN, RAC-CT

Brian received his Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and nursing training from Messiah University in Mechanicsburg, PA. He holds Registered Nurse licenses in Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. He has been involved in the Resident Assessment Instrument process for 30 years in a wide range of areas in Long-Term Care. His focus has been in developing and educating staff on the correct capture of services provided and ensuring that residents receive the care they deserve. He has been involved in work groups with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the original Resident Assessment Protocols RAPs. He also worked with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to develop the Pennsylvania Case Mix system for MDS 3.0. He was an educator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, where he educated groups on the Quality Measures process and the original Nursing Home Compare website. He has been a speaker at various State and National Association conferences, educating on the MDS process, quality initiatives, and electronic documentation practices.

He is the Vice President of the Board of the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators, PANAC. As a board member, he serves on the Advisory Committee for the Pennsylvania Office of Long-Term Living and the Education Committee for the Pennsylvania Long-Term Learning Network. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the Keystone Health Information Exchange, KeyHIE. He was the Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Patient and Provider Network's Communication Committee.

He has worked with CRISP, Chesapeake Regional Information Systems for our Patients, and DHIN, Delaware Health Information Network, to create a Health Information Exchange in Maryland and Delaware, respectively.

Dawn Leis RAC-CTA, WTA, IP

Dawn is a Senior Clinical Consultant with RKL's Senior Living Services Consulting. With over 23 years of clinical experience in long term care, Dawn has extensive experience in the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) process, Medicare reimbursement, Medicaid Case-Mix, Quality Measures and Five Star Quality Rating System.

NOTE: THE PANAC CONFERENCE COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUBSTITUTE SPEAKERS AND/OR TOPICS AS NECESSARY.

Who Should Attend

Assessment Coordinators, Administrators, Directors of Nursing, Social Service, Recreational Therapy, Dietary Staff, Rehabilitation Therapy, Clinical Records Staff, Consultants, any individual involved in or interested in the assessment process.

Conference Fees

Fees for the two day conference are as follows:

June 13th & 14th Members \$399 Nonmembers \$625

FOR THE MEMBERSHIP RATE PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS IS UPDATED/ CURRENT
At the time of registration, you will be asked to indicate your intent to attend either the basic or advanced sessions.

Conference fees include refreshment breaks, lunch, access to the handouts, product giveaways and a special gift from the PANAC Board of Directors

Payment can be made via PayPal on the PANAC website at www.paanac.net

Handouts

Handouts will NOT be provided to attendees at the Conference. Handouts will be available online, at the website the week prior to the conference.

Conference Registration

Conference registrations can be completed via the PANAC website at www.PAANAC.net by June 5th.

Cancellations

Cancellations received before June 5th are refundable less a \$50 administration charge. No refunds will be made for cancellations after that date. NOTE: Registrations received but not attended without notice are not refundable. Substitute attendees are acceptable. For any questions, contact the PANAC Board via email at **panac-board@gmail.com** or via the website at **www.paanac.net**.

COVID-19

For the 2024 conference, the PANAC Board would ask that you *DO NOT ATTEND* if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms, such as head congestion, fever, cough, rhinitis, tiredness, body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea and/or diarrhea. We would also ask if any of the above symptoms develop while onsite, please notify conference staff and immediately leave the conference.

Please be honorable and forthright in your decision-making.

Conference Attire

Casual attire is appropriate for all education sessions and the President's Reception. Every effort is expanded to make the meeting rooms and surrounding halls comfortable; however, it is very difficult to regulate the temperature in the meeting rooms.

PLEASE LAYER YOUR CLOTHING TO BE PREPARED FOR WARM OR COOL TEMPERATURES

President's Reception

A President's reception will be held on June 13th from 5:00 pm (immediately following the last educational session) at the Penn Stater hotel and Conference Center. A presentation will be provided by a motivational speaker. Come meet your President, the Board of Directors and network with your colleagues. Refreshments will be served. Four prize items will be dispersed during the President's Reception.

President's/Exhibitor Hall

Vendor exhibits will be available in the President's Hall. Breaks and lunch will be provided in the vendor area. Please take this opportunity to support the vendors by visiting their area.

Raffle and Give Away

Raffles will be conducted throughout the program but in particular during the President's reception held in the President's Hall. Each participant will receive one raffle ticket for the general giveaways. In addition, the Board is providing a give-away to each attendee. Participating vendors may also provide a give-away.

MESSAGE BOARD

A message board will be available in a central area for phone messages or for attendees to make contact with each other. Job postings can also be placed on the Board.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS / CONTACT HOURS

This activity has been submitted to the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association for approval to award contact hours. The Pennsylvania State Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of nursing continuing professional development by the American Nurses Association.

The Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators Planning Committee has determined there are no conflicts of interest in the planning committee or the speaker in the presentation of this program.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A limited number of rooms are available at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel. The block of rooms reserved for PANAC attendees will be available until May 14th. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. ***Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center, 215 Innovation Boulevard, State College, Pennsylvania 16803; 814-863-5050 or at 800-233-7505.*** Be sure to identify you are attending the PANAC Conference and provide the code NURS24A. Additional hotel accommodations can be found in the State College area.

???QUESTIONS???

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

from New York City (225+ miles) and the East:
I-80 West in PA to Exit 161 (Bellefonte), Follow PA 26 South to US 220 South. Take exit 74 for Penn State University/Innovation Park. For The Nittany Lion Inn: stay in the left lane of the exit and follow the sign for Penn State University. This will become Park Avenue. Travel Park Avenue to the stop light at Allen Street. Turn left on Allen Street and then right on Fischer Road. The Nittany Lion Parking Deck will be on your left followed by the Nittany Lion Inn. For The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel: Stay in the right lane of the exit and follow the sign for Innovation Park. At the stop sign at the end of the ramp, turn right. At the top of the hill the road turns to the left and becomes Innovation Boulevard; the hotel will be on the right.

from Philadelphia (nearly 200 miles):
PA Turnpike West to Exit 19, Harrisburg East and follow signs for the next 15 miles to Route 322 West. Take 322 West, past Lewistown, to State College and take the Penn State University/ Innovation Park Exit. For The Nittany Lion Inn turn right at the stop light and follow Park Avenue. Travel Park Avenue to the stop light at Allen Street. Turn left on Allen Street and then right on Fischer Road enter the Nittany Lion Parking Deck on your left. For The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel from the above exit, turn left at the stop light and follow signs for Innovation Park Exit A directly to the Hotel in Innovation Park.

from Harrisburg (80+ miles):
Take 322 West, past Lewistown, to State College and take the Penn State University/ Innovation Park Exit. For The Nittany Lion Inn, turn right at the stop light and follow Park Avenue. Travel Park Avenue to the stop light at Allen Street. Turn left on Allen Street and then right on Fischer Road enter the Nittany Lion Parking Deck on your left. For The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel from the above exit, turn left at the stop light and follow signs for Innovation Park Exit A directly to the Hotel in Innovation Park.

from Pittsburgh (125+ miles):
Route 22 East to Duncansville. Then take Route 220/I-99 North bypassing downtown Altoona and Tyrone. After Port Matilda, take Route 322 East to State College. For The Nittany Lion Inn, stay on Business Route 322/ North Atherton Street, past a variety of businesses. At the light at Park Avenue, turn left. The Inn is on your right. For The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, take the 322 East/US 220 North bypass to the Penn State University/ Innovation Park Exit. Turn left at the stop light and follow signs for Innovation Park Exit A directly to the Hotel in Innovation Park.

from the West:
I-80 East in PA to Exit 161 (Bellefonte), Follow PA 26 South to US 220 South. Take exit 74 for Penn State University/Innovation Park. For The Nittany Lion Inn: stay in the left lane of the exit and follow the sign for Penn State University. This will become Park Avenue. Travel Park Avenue to the stop light at Allen Street. Turn left on Allen Street and then right on Fischer Road. The Nittany Lion Parking Deck will be on your left followed by the Nittany Lion Inn. For The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel: Stay in the right lane of the exit and follow the sign for Innovation Park. At the stop sign at the end of the ramp, turn right. At the top of the hill the road turns to the left and becomes Innovation Boulevard; the hotel will be on the right. *There is an alternate way from I-80 East following 322 East into State College. The above directions reflect all highway driving. On 322 you can expect construction delays and areas of two lane driving.